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HEY, YOU!

IF you're one of the guys who didn't write any
press, here's the results! -- Lots of Empty Space --

So, WRITE SOME NEXT TIME !!



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PEN & SWORD
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Believe it or not, guys, this makes Seven Hills Publications one year old. The zine has changed quite a bit from the first issues, but the style is still the same.

With this issue, number six of ten issues in volume two, we are slightly behind the schedule we established. We should be on number eight, giving us eighteen issues per year. We'll have to hustle along to meet it.

For the benefit of all our readers/players, there will be a sort of policy statement on one of the inside pages. It's where you can expect this thing to go in the future. Read it.

ALL DEADLINES:

April 15, 1975

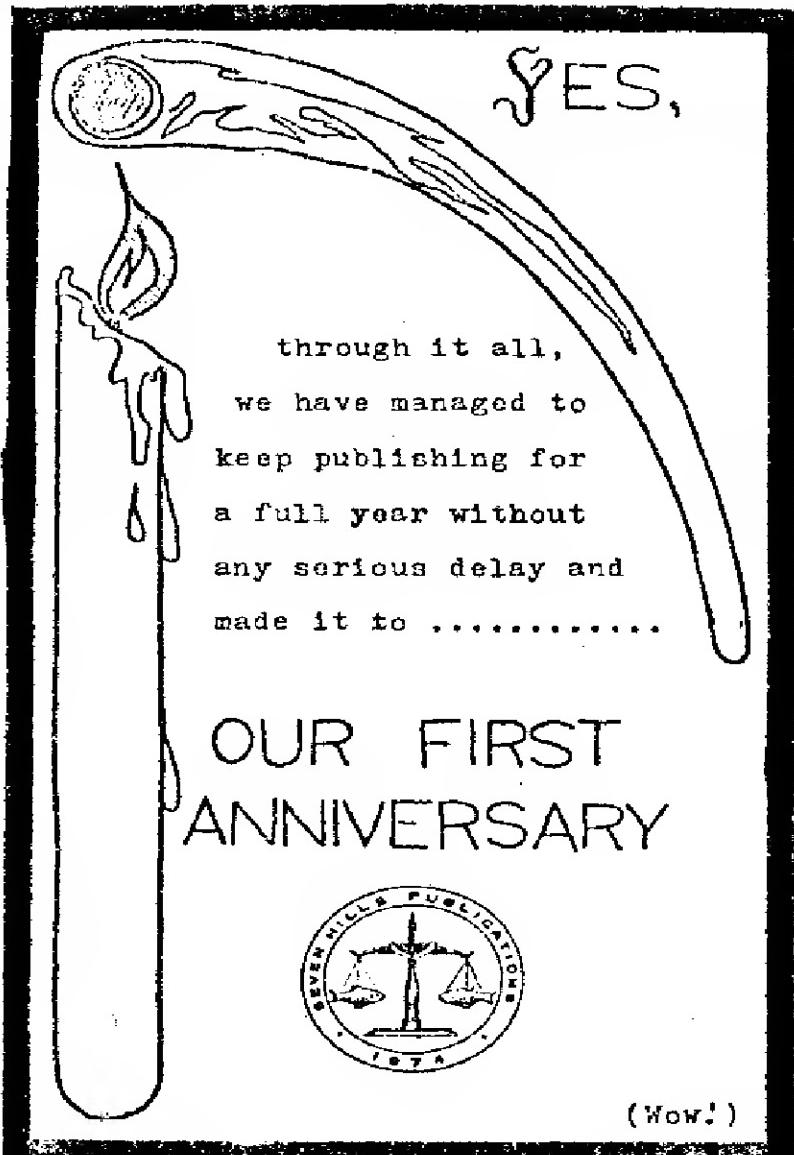
Mail Early! Don't Delay!

Oh, someone in the last batch of letters asked why Gordon's address wasn't listed in the zine. It was only an oversight, since the headings on the zine are already printed and they don't have his address. Anyone who needs it (and who doesn't play in the game he's GM'ing), please make note:

Gordon W. McCabe, 12901 Jefferson Davis Highway, D-129, Chester, Virginia 23831 Telephone (804) 748-6004

This is about fifteen miles outside of Richmond in case you're interested. Mail delivery normally takes one to two days longer for him than for myself since the mail comes through Richmond first for some unknown reason. Remember that when you send him your orders.

That's about it for this page. Inside you'll find a little more of everything than usual - in celebration of our managing to last a year!



PSO-003
1972-DM
Fall 19

At Last:

IT'S ALL OVER !!

AUSTRIA (Klitzke)

ENGLAND (Knowles)

GERMANY (Lagerson)

TURKEY (McCabe)

A Bud S A Ser //Annihilated// ((Thanks for stickin'
A Ser S A Bud //Annihilated// the game out!))
FNAF S F Tyrr-Tun F WMD S F Tyrr-Tun F Tyrr-Tun
F Gol-Tus A Wal-Gas F Eng C A Wal-Gas F MAT C
A Wal-Gas F Spanc-Por F NAT-HOLD
A Mos-Sev A Rum-Ser A Alb S A Rum-Ser A Ukr-Rum
A Gal S A Ukr-Rum A Vic S A Tri-Bud A Tri-Bud
A Plo-Mar A War-Ukr A Boh-Tyr A Tyr-Tri
A Nap S A Rom A Rom S A Nap A Ven S A Tyr-Tri
A Sil-War F Hel holds new super dooper, non-stop-
pable lighter(lit) in front of barbed-wire mouthed
cut-out tongued,Turkish prisoners while performing
multiple castration operations without antiseptic
or morphine and then uses burning coils to close
the wounds. He then pours 35 gallons of gasoline
(even at these prices) over the screaming Turkish
fools, stands 100 feet away, ignites his super dooper
well-fueled, Turkish prisoner-roasting flame thrower
and happily disposes of the stillborn and uncrite-
ful, uncouth, Turkish former prisoners. // Mcve does
not succeed; according to the standard rules of SPI
SNIPER! game, whenever an idiot or a wounded man is
operating a flamethrower, you must roll a die and if
a "1" or "2" is rolled the flamethrower explodes. I
can give you one guess as to your rolls.....//
Summer '10 - Retreat F Tyrr-Tus
A Bul-Gre A Sev-HOLD A Arm S A Sev A Con-Bul
F Tun-HOLD F Ion S F Tun F Tus-Tyrr
// F Tun is annihilated//

SUPPLY CENTER CHART - 1972-DM - Fall 1910

AUSTRIA EMG, GER

ENGLAND Bre. Ed1. Lpl, Lon, Nwy, For, StP, Spa, Swe, TUR

GERMANY Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nap, Par,
Rom, Rum, Tri, Ven, Vla, War, BUD, SER

TURKEY Ank.-Bul.-Can.-Gre.-Sav.-Smy.-Tun.

TURKEY ANA, BUL, CBR, GRE, SEV, SWJ, XPA SC UNITS +/-

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Fall 1910 - The Map
1972-Dumb

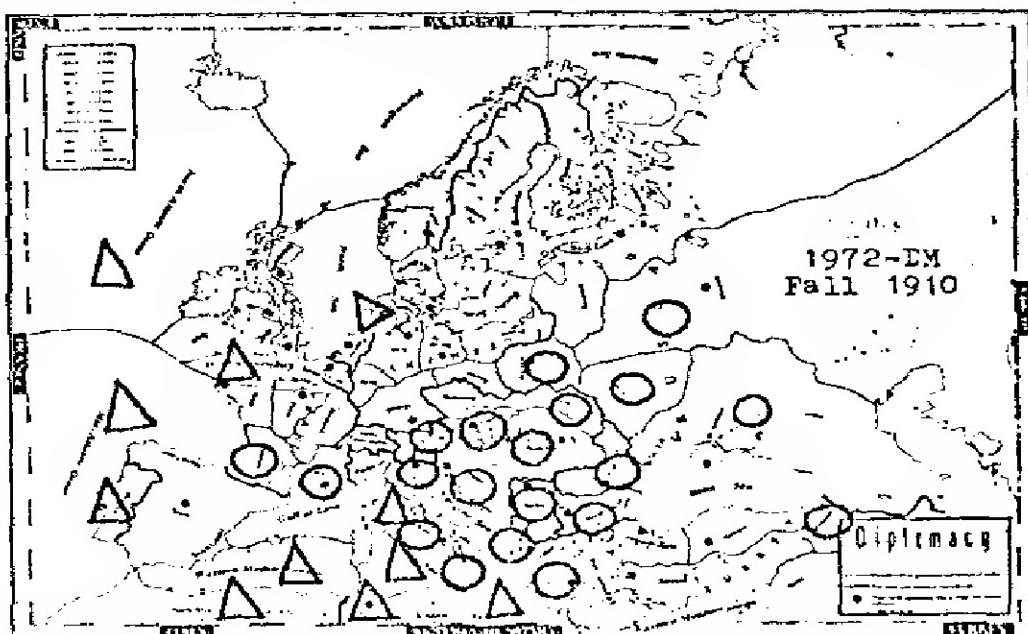
DEADLINE:

For Winter 1919-

APRIL 15, 1975

(Note: 18 units on
the board are the
requirements here)

Once the final set of orders is received here, this is officially over and done with for P&S



THERE WAS NO PRESS * AS USUAL, OF COURSE....

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DAVID LAGERSON- If you would so desire, you may submit a winner's statement about your play (or lack of it, clown) or whatever strikes your fancy (that's not an offer to strike you anywhere....). Take as much room as you need of course. Your typing and spelling will be missed greatly -- almost as much as Mr. Nixon, you understand.....

PS-001
1974-CT
Fall 1905

RUSSIAN REFUGEES CAPTURED!!

AUSTRIA (Baker)	A Pru-War	A Sli-Nun	A Vie-Tyr	A Boh S A Vic-Tyr
ENGLAND (Kelly)	A Ven-Fle	A Ron-Ven	F Tri S A Rom-Ven	F Jon-Nap
FRANCE (Fleming)	F Nwg C A Edi-Nwy	A Edi-Nwy	F Nth C A Lon-Pan	
ITALY (McCabe)	A Lon-Den	A Ruh S GA Mun	A Kic-Ber	A Fin-STP
RUSSIA (Blank)	F Bal S A Kie-Per	F Gob S A Fin-STP		
TURKEY (McLendon)	A Mun S A Tyr-Beh	A Tyr-Bok	A Pic S F Gol-Tus	
	F Gol-Tus	F Tyrr S IF Tun-Ion	F WMd S F Tyrr	
	F Tun-Ion	((Oops, note FA Tyr above rt OTE))		
	A Liv-War			
	A Mos-War	A Sev-Mos	A Rum-Gal	A Gre-Alb F Tus S
	AA Ven-Fle	F Nap-Rom	F Aeg-Ion	F EMd S F Aeg-Ion

My, but you guys are beginning to play just a tiny little bit rough!!!

THE PRESS:

PARIS to ANKARA--- We have put to work thirty-six gnome-like civil servants. Their task is to find a French army which has been annihilated. So far they've come up with nothing. Because we are paying these poor devils overtime, perhaps you could help us out? Which French Army? Where? When? The French General Staff would really appreciate any information. If you were told one of your armies was "annihilated", you'd want to know the details, right? Same here. //Note Army Tyrolia - as per our conversation....//

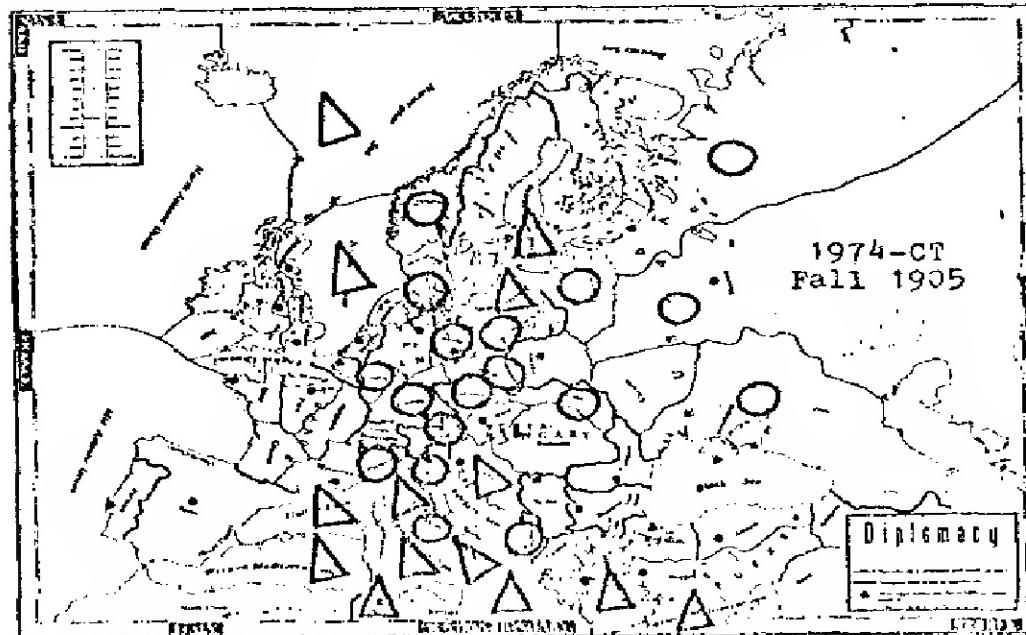
PARIS to VIENNA--- If the Turkish army in Rumania stays there through the Fall season, you've lost a supply center. In which case, the French General Staff would be open to negotiation with Austria. In other words, we'd be willing to "talk turkey", heh,heh,heh,heh,...ho,ho,ho,ho,...HA,HA, HA,... hrmpf. Hih,hih,hih....But seriously,...(Get it: "turkey"!!) HAR,HAR, HAR,HAR-DE-HAR, HAR,HAR. //Try not to go into convulsions, old man!//

PARIS to STPETE--- That's not your real name! Is it?

SUPPLY CENTER CHART - Fall 1905 //Just out of the kindness of my heart...//

	SC	Units	+/-
AUSTRIA	Bud, Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War	08	08
ENGLAND	Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kic, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Swe, BER, STP	11	09
FRANCE	Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa	06	05
GERMANY	Eff (had been in Civil Disorder)	0	0
ITALY	Tun	01	01
RUSSIA	Exp (thanks again, Walt)	0	01
TURKEY	Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Sev, Smy	08	08

1974-CT ((corrected before y'all caught me!))



DEADLINE:

Winter '05 and Spring '06 are now due-

April 15, 1975

NOTE- Mr. McLendon will be out of town until April 1st or so - I'm not sure when he's leaving though so write to him soon if you have the need.

THIS SPACE

AVAILABLE !!

RON KELLY - My dear wife just told me about your conversation with her when you called the other day; quote, "Is Mike home? Oh, well, since he is there, I guess I'll have to pretend that I called to check on my moves!" Now, Ron, if this kind of thing continues, I'll let her adjudicate all of your games - then we'll see how well they come out!



"May I suggest roast waiter?"



"It's not my factory that's polluting the lake. . . . It's all those dead fish that're doing it."

(Note: if you remember, we combined P&S with PS some time ago...)

Pragmatic Sanction

1971 AM Fall 1912

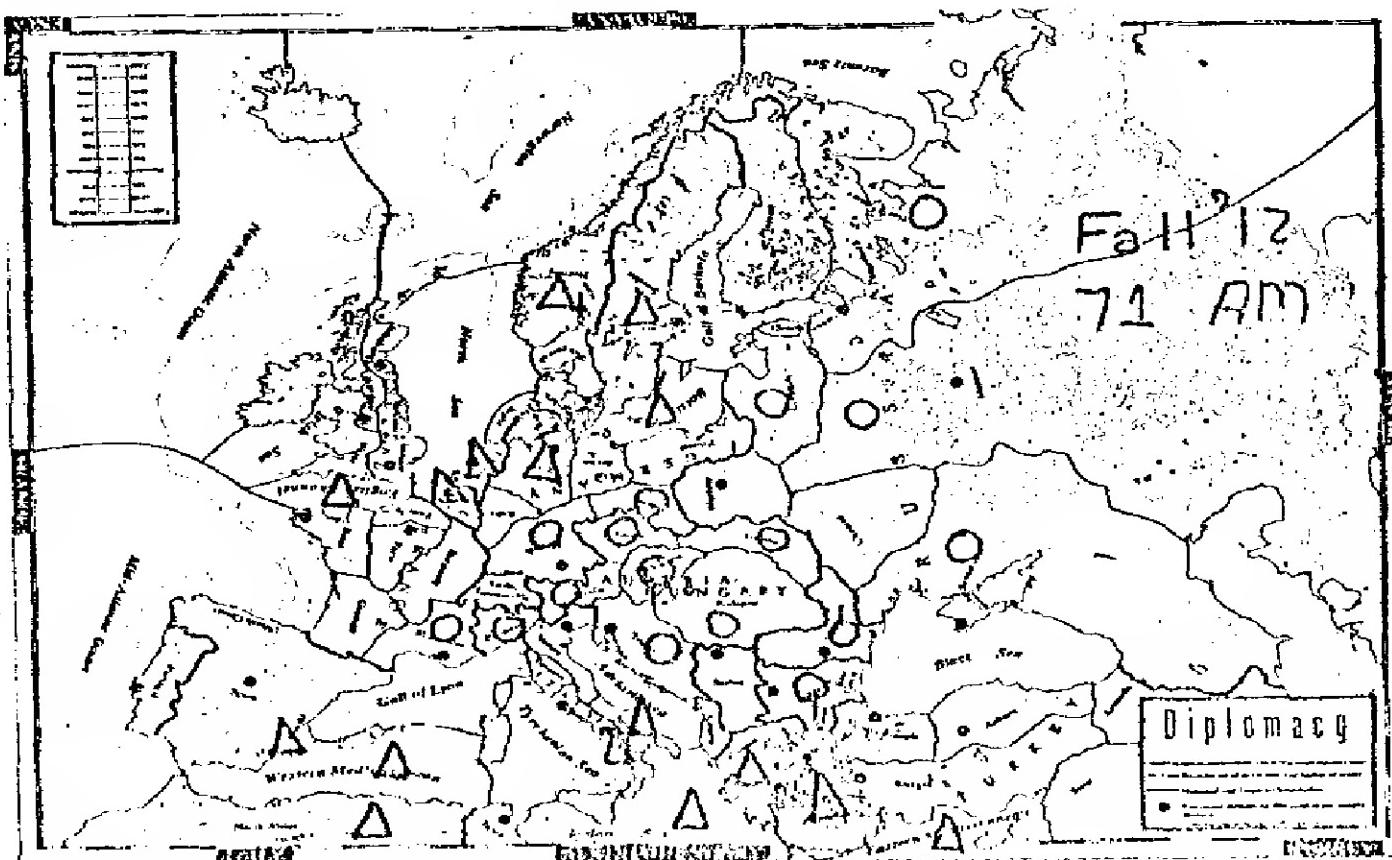
March 17, 1975

Turkey	Ripporda	A-Rum., S A Scvp., A-Sevp S A Rum., A-Bul. S A Rum., F-IonS S F Gre., F-Gro S F IonS., F-Aeg S F IonS., F-EMed S F IonS.
Italy	Lind	F-TyrS-WMed., F-Pie-EngC., F-Tun-NorAf., F-Apu-Nap., F-Adr-Apu., F-GofL-Spa (sc), A-Bud-Vic., A-Ser-Bud., A-Alb-Tri., A-Boh-Sil., A-Gal S A Boh-Sil., <u>A-Pie-Mu</u> , A-Tyr-Jhu.
England	Brooks	A-Stp Hold, F-Hry S A StP., F-Sve-Bal., F-Den-Kie., F-NthSS-Hol., F-Bel S F NthS-Hol.
Germany	Tilson	<u>NMR</u> Armies Mar, Mun, Liv, Mos, Sil Hold Navy BalS Hold

ITALY Retreat Army Rum-Bud
 Summer 1912 Navy IonS-TyrS

Germany Retreat Army Sil
Winter 1912

		U	SC	TOP
England	Edi, Lon, Liv, Hwy, Swe, Stp, HOL, KIE, BEL	6	9	+3
Germany	Ber, Den, Mos, Hun, Par, MAR, KEL, AGL, KIE	8	6	-2
Italy	Bre, Bud, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vic, YAF, PIA	13	11	-2
Turkey	Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sevp, Smy, War, RUM	7 34	8 34	+1



1973-GJ PLAGUE FROM AUSTRIANS HITS HUNS!

Winter 1909 & Spring 1910

AUSTRIA (Kelly) W'09 - "Who in the hell stole my Fleet Apulia?" Uh, Ron, you moved to Naples not too long ago.

S'10 - F Ion-Tun F Tyrr S F Ion-Tun F Nap-Rom A Rom-Ven A Boh-Gal A Gal-War A Tru S A Gal-War A Liv-StF A Mos S A Liv-StF A Ukr S A Mos F Alb-Ion A Gre-Ser A Ile S GA Mar A Ven-Tyr A Tyr-Boh // Battling 1000 // Fleet Yorkshire disbanded - country eliminated W'09

ENGLAND

FRANCE (Blank)

W'09 - Disband A Lpl & Fleet Spa sc
S'10 - F MAT-Spa //rt For,Iri,NAF,OTB// F WMD s F MAT-Spa

GERMANY (Brooks)

W'09 - No Builds - Steve, you're playing three short
S'10 - A War-Sev //IMP// //rt Sil,Liv,OTB// A STP S A War-Sev //IMP// //rt Fin,Nvy, OTB// F MAT-MAT F Eng S F MAT-MAT A Lpl-Yor A Lon S A Lpl-Yor F Nwg-Cly F Edi-Kth A Gas-Spa A Mar S A Gas-Spa A Bre-Par F Pic-Bre A Bel-Kie //Its catching, huh? Fon's mental state...//

ITALY (Cowan)

2nd WMR - Player removed - F Tyrr unordered and so it is disbanded by GM - country is considered in C.D. because they still own one SC until the fall turn.

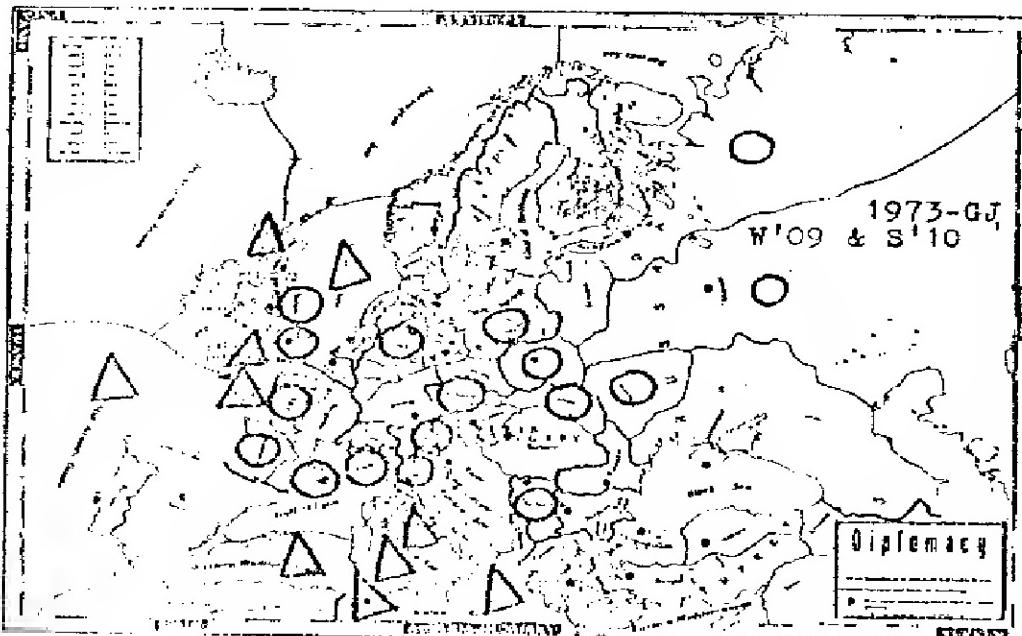
ON THE CONCESSION: 2-Yea, 1-No, 2-Abstain - the motion fails

PRESS:

FRANCE- I cannot express in words how much I enjoyed Kellys orders last turn. If he intended to end the game in the two way draw, why didn't he vote it so or at least have told me so when answering my letter instead of that pile of garbage on a tray he did write down. I consider that poor, very poor! //We can get bitter at times....//

PARIS 24 Nov 1909- King Adam thanks the unknown country who called for a concession to France. King Adam stated this, "There is no France; just as there is no England, Russia, Turkey or Italy - there is only Germany and Austria and a few rebels whining in exile." And, "the area formerly known as France will be divided into Greater Burgundy (Bur, Gas, & Mar) and Flanders (Far, Ile, Bel). Brest will be ceded to the Dukedom of Wessex.

1973-GJ



you know where to go for the answer. Just write to Ron Kelly. In the few games I've seen him in, he's done pretty well. Maybe he hypnotizes all of his opponents; maybe he practices black magic; maybe he's really from some other planet disguised as a human; maybe he can read minds; who knows????? If you need help with your games, stay out of games with Kelly! He has no mercy! // All kidding aside, I've played with and against Ron and he is one of the wonders of Diplomacy. Its fantastic to watch him make a country work the way it should. He has a way with the game that not many people have.... Ron, its a pleasure to be able to GM for players like you. //

= DEADLINE-

= For Fall 1910 is
= now due by:

= APRIL 15, 1975

**HOW NOT
TO LOSE
YOUR ASS**

Now don't any of you think that I have the perfect way to win your Diplomacy games. This little note is just to let you know where to go for the answer. Just write to Ron Kelly. In the few games I've seen him in, he's done pretty well. Maybe he hypnotizes all of his opponents; maybe he practices black magic; maybe he's really from some other planet disguised as a human; maybe he can read minds; who knows????? If you need help with your games, stay out of games with Kelly! He has no mercy! // All kidding aside, I've played with and against Ron and he is one of the wonders of Diplomacy. Its fantastic to watch him make a country work the way it should. He has a way with the game that not many people have.... Ron, its a pleasure to be able to GM for players like you. //

Okay, here's a whole page of cartoons just for you.....



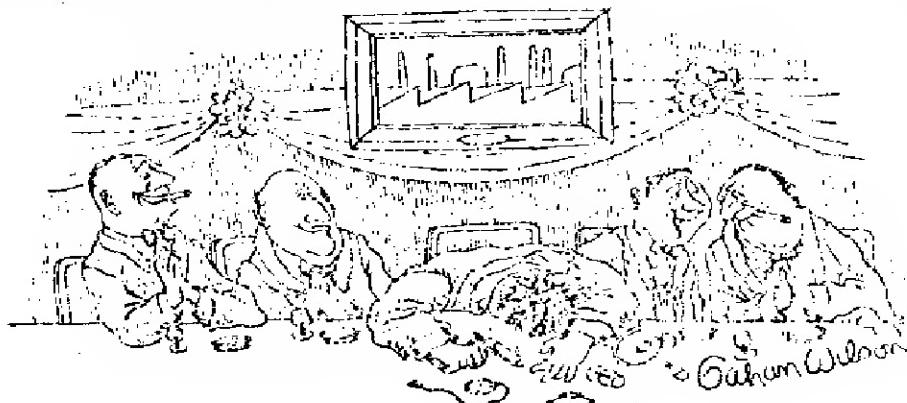
"You weigh a hundred and sixty-five pounds and you're going to be in big trouble if you don't get off my foot, earthman."

Unless I miss my guess, I'll thank Terry Knowles for the cartoons on the page - Thanks!

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If any of you see a good one, send it in to me with your next set of moves!

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"... Altogether a really unique retirement speech."



PROMULGATING POT

ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY—Two 21-year-old California men have been placed on probation after pleading guilty to owing marijuanna seeds along rockrides during a



cross-country automobile trip. The modern-day Johnny Appleseeds explained that they sowed the pot for the benefit of "all the kids traveling around the country." The judge gave them probation because they had no prior arrest records.

THE RICH HAVE BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENTS

"The American Beauty rose can be produced in full splendor and fragrance . . . only by sacrificing the early buds which grow up around it."

—JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR., defending Standard O.P.'s obliteration of competition



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If anyone has been able to get a letter to Knowles, its because of a civilian Postal strike that's been going on for some time & keep on writing him though!

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THE RICH TAKE A PROPER PRIDE IN THINGS LITTLE

"I don't have to worry about anybody else in the world, because right I know the answer myself. I consider anyone earthborn

LNTTPEE RECEIVED (or, Threats Ignored):

BFM FINGERER: "I seldom trade BI, just sent it along for the hell of it. If you send the game results I'll read 'em, but if you don't I won't miss them, 'cause too bad it is being run as a game rather than as a press-vehicle; I don't think much of VotG as a game, the Black Angles might be interesting.

Just get an NADFS form from Pen & Sword. Thanks." (Dew was referring to my variant line which is running a section of his Variants of the Ghods).

"MY GALLY: Arghhhh! Is it my fault that no one writes press!
JOHN: No. John sent a note to which was attached \$1.00 in us funds. It
will be used to finance Larry Moran's extra mailing costs. JOHN, let this
be your receipt, okay?

LAKESIDE LIVING: "I'm sorry for not replying to your questionnaire. P&S is a good zine and I enjoy it immensely. The maps are helpful and time-saving. However, my main interest nowadays is in playing and I receive two zines which contain only the results of the players moves. To me this is sufficient and the extra frills contribute in only a small way to my enjoyment. Unless you want to compete with DR or DW its not worth the extra effort as far as I am concerned. These other zines (PR & DW) provide me with valuable information and contain lengthy and interesting articles which in my opinion, compensate for the lack of games.

If you insist on going to all that extra work I don't want to discourage you. I read every word of F&S and follow the other games closely. The only criticism I can offer is that I would rather you didn't comment on the press, eg, pg.2 line 17, pg.3 line 29, pg.5 line 1 and comments in press release, etc."

ME REFLT: Hmmm... here's a lot to think about for P&S. I would hate to think that my efforts are being wasted when I could just publish (I'm not sure that would be correct in such a case as this) the results. Most of my reason for doing P&S as it is done is originality. That may be the wrong word considering I use articles and cartoons from other publications, but that's my reason. I have never seen a zine like P&S. I wanted it to be something that was interesting yet not something you had to read all of to enjoy. The short articles are just to let you browse through and get another view. The cartoons to break up the stagnant air of several games one after the other. Maybe I'm wrong to do this - maybe all the majority of players wants is the game results. My survey seems to indicate otherwise though.

As for my comments on the games, I doubt if I'll stop. I enjoy the comments I make because they seem, to me, to probably be what everyone is thinking anyway. Hell, they don't influence play I don't think, so long as I don't comment directly on a single move or set. Take Page 5, line 1 as an example - I said "You baffled him" after a set of moves. Well, it was the same (and maybe only) set of moves to be used. Nothing new nor nothing unusual. My comment was only to add emphasis to the fact that there wasn't little else to be done. What's wrong with that?

I would be interested in hearing what some of you have to say about this: 1) same results only and, 2) GM comments interspersed in the zine. STEVE BURGKS: From a part of a press release in 1974-AFgd, "I'll get that Mike Lind and his mistress Mary-Ann Wright before this is over."

MY REPLY: Well, Steve, you guessed it. Mary-Ann is my girlfriend and now that the truth is out, Mary-Ann can come out in the open with more of her wittier comments, etc. Look forward to them, right, Mary-Ann? Why don't you drop Steve some more of your quizzes, or something of the like??? *

KNOWLEDGE. Hasn't anyone ever told you that its not very cool to send someone's wife letters through him? Now really, you're more forward than that Ron KELLY character! *

The Wall Street Journal
Steve Age Thirteen

CURSE OF THE ZOMBIES

Washington, D.C.—Senator James O. Eastland, chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee, is studying the subversive influence of Communism on the United States, according to his spokesman, George C. Strother. "Since it has since 1963," he says, "we may find ourselves saddled with a huge population of communists." The Senator said he is concentrating on the problem of "decent family and lack of motivation among young people and high school students." He believes it is related to the use of drugs, especially marijuana.



The Wall Street Journal

Stone-Age Thinking

Blame-Free Thinking

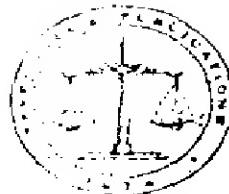
"Publishers, responding to a changing market in college texts, are increasingly resorting to simplified language in their books to adjust to a new element in higher education—the college student who cannot read at traditional college levels." They reported the New York *Times* recently.

Sad to say, it is only one bit of evidence of what is been happening to the teaching of that most fundamental of intellectual tools—the handling of our native language. At the University of Wisconsin, more than one-third of the students to its four

nalism School cannot meet the minimum requirements in spelling, grammar, punctuation and word usage. At the University of California, some 75 percent of the freshman class has had to have remedial English.

It's fashionable to argue that young people raised on TV cannot be expected to read as well as prior generations. There are even those who say it doesn't matter, because reading will not be as important as it used to be for a well-informed citizenry.

The fact is that our educational system—and we ourselves—have accepted an anti-language culture. The young did not learn their language because they are not taught. It doesn't matter! Without language we can neither learn nor think. The garage mechanic who cannot read cannot understand the engineer's manual any more than a legislator a tax bill. Those to whom written language is a mystery find—like some primitive people—that the world itself is a mystery.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

DEAR READERS:

Well, we made it. A year. So now what? Thats what we've decided to tell you in this little note.

Once all of the games currently in PEN & SWORD are completed, we will cease publication of the zine. In most cases, the games are mostly completed now. 1971-AM, 1973-GJ, and 1972-DM are coming to a rapid end if things continue as they have of late. They should probably be finished in another five months. The other two games, 1972-GG and 1974-J., have a considerable amount of time left in them - maybe as much as a year or more.

No new games will be begun in P&S from here on out. The zine will gradually lessen in content over this period of time but will not become just a set of moves if we can help it.

Our reasons for this are probably plain - expenses and time involved. We allowed ourselves a margin financially for the zine and we haven't lost too much there. And most of you have been very generous with your fees which helped greatly. Time is the main thing now. The zine has gotten to the point where we either want to expand it or drop it. Expansion is out of the question.

Its been fun for sure - and some work too. But, like they say, you only get out what you put in and we've come out ahead in pleasure. The zine was an experiment and our results come down to this - "It was really a fantastic experience but its not something we want to continue for any long period of time."

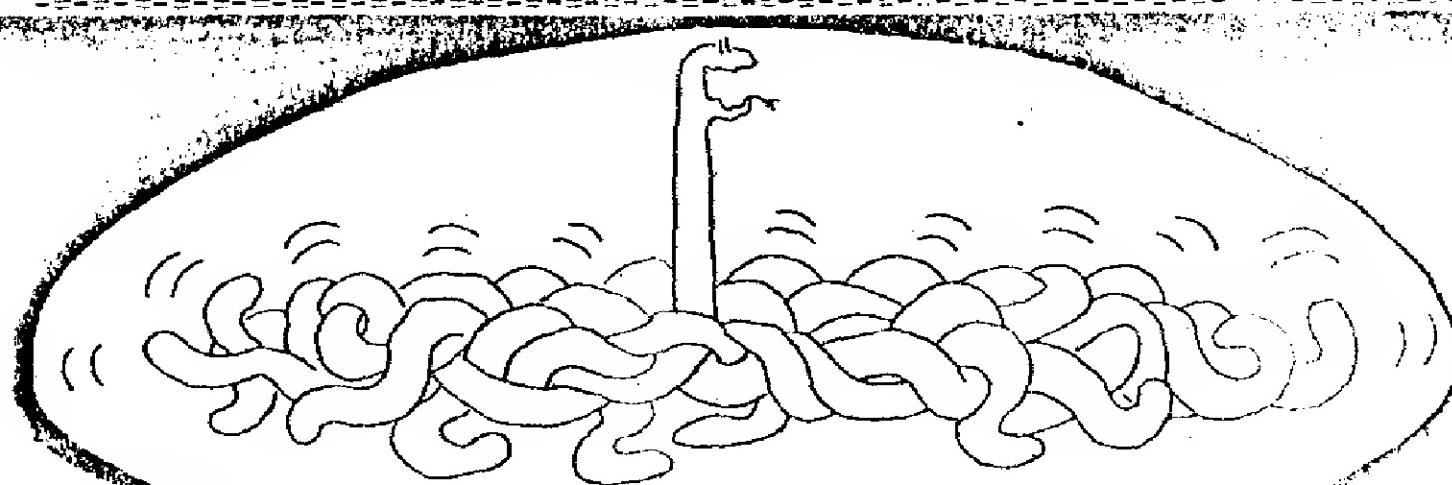
Most publishers probably do it for their ego more than anything else. We're no exception - its nice to know that you can do something that can bring a little pleasure to people. Our little venture is just about at its end now, we've proved ourselves in a sense.

Now, we feel, is the time to make a decision and stick to it. Maybe this why so many publishers drop out and leave games unfinished. They get into it too deep and can't phase it out. So, they abandon their players. Now that we've been in their place, we can understand their feelings. Its easy to overextend yourself.

If any of you have thought about publishing, think it over carefully. You'll hate yourself if you end up abandoning your games. Just remember that a single game can mean ten months to two years for completion. And more games may make it cheaper to produce but they will increase your workload too. If you're playing now, write to your GM's before you decide to publish and ask them what its all about - its worth your time.

So, thats where we stand. Its been great and all of you have helped to make it worthwhile for us. All of you have been a pleasure to play the game with - after all, its people that make Diplomacy fun!

Your Gamesmasters & Publishers



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